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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES¹

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month

period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

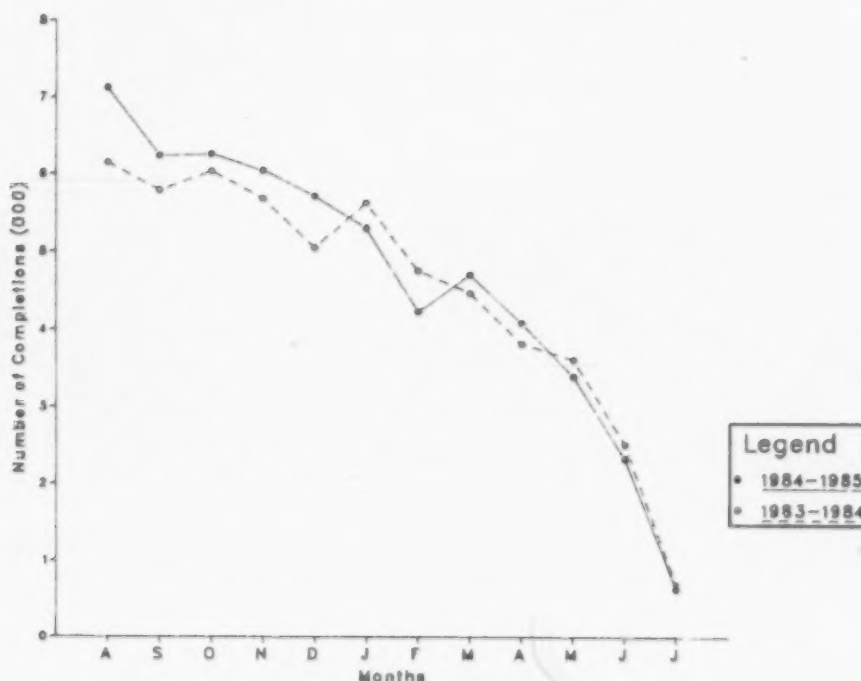


TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JULY 31, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	12,606	54,932,616	4,360	25,620,758	7,642	40,587,882*	24,608	121,141,256	25,217	123,342,678
1985: JUL	266	1,127,932	80	511,089	283	1,573,040	529	3,212,061	539	3,225,702
JUN	1,228	5,170,767	365	1,957,552	723	3,542,822	2,316	10,671,141	2,368	10,884,481
MAY	1,780	7,986,241	556	3,160,129	1,043	5,647,236	3,379	16,793,606	3,471	17,140,570
APR	2,136	9,337,296	647	4,012,934	1,287	6,702,319	4,070	20,052,549	4,156	20,330,070
MAR	2,430	10,596,305	819	4,924,981	1,445	7,352,904	4,694	22,874,190	4,816	23,259,893
FEB	2,137	9,511,920	864	5,131,824	1,221	6,590,858	4,222	21,234,602	4,337	21,621,696
JAN	2,629	11,202,155	1,029	5,922,249	1,640	9,178,703	5,298	26,303,107	5,430	26,880,266
TOTAL 1984	38,446	150,704,311	14,549	79,384,860	23,027	111,766,131	76,022	341,855,302	77,793	346,802,276
1984: DEC	2,864	11,135,239	1,044	5,703,240	1,807	9,488,668	5,710	26,327,147	5,832	26,710,181
NOV	3,102	11,935,181	1,181	6,183,839	1,759	8,899,350	6,042	27,018,370	6,161	27,385,007
OCT	3,140	13,003,790	1,278	6,937,939	1,839	8,923,059	6,257	28,864,788	6,425	29,408,811
SEP	3,117	11,989,699	1,238	6,531,524	1,882	8,955,005	6,237	27,476,228	6,343	27,790,616
AUG	3,413	12,836,818	1,415	7,487,562	2,292	10,562,653	7,120	30,887,033	7,273	31,362,651
JUL	3,497	13,453,619	1,276	7,014,278	2,138	9,802,967	6,911	30,270,864	7,062	30,716,844
JUN	3,451	12,918,175	1,348	7,108,987	2,193	10,003,723	6,992	30,030,885	7,145	30,440,083
MAY	3,361	13,210,182	1,224	6,806,392	1,854	9,091,231	6,439	29,107,805	6,592	29,481,369
APR	2,975	11,382,786	921	5,487,103	1,636	8,150,934	5,532	25,020,823	5,714	25,445,019
MAR	3,159	12,881,133	1,072	6,481,648	1,696	8,615,596	5,927	27,978,377	6,097	28,393,358
FEB	3,082	12,462,765	1,229	6,560,980	1,728	8,683,101	6,039	27,706,846	6,181	28,098,204
JAN	3,285	13,494,924	1,323	7,081,368	2,208	10,589,844	6,816	31,166,136	6,968	31,570,133
TOTAL 1983	35,634	132,794,464	13,902	74,449,494	22,810	101,312,864	72,346	308,556,822	74,300	313,177,026
1983: DEC	2,929	11,199,230	1,290	6,555,104	1,882	9,111,272	6,101	26,865,606	6,244	27,226,320
NOV	3,173	12,234,789	1,243	6,093,411	2,091	9,674,000	6,507	28,002,200	6,680	28,437,485
OCT	3,237	12,343,793	1,375	6,819,555	2,132	9,448,477	6,744	28,611,825	6,909	29,006,838
SEP	3,164	11,630,126	1,237	6,419,511	1,964	8,367,568	6,365	26,417,205	6,536	26,768,683
AUG	3,333	11,711,125	1,308	6,572,780	2,055	8,470,034	6,696	26,753,939	6,916	27,318,227
JUL	3,005	10,762,403	1,077	5,649,791	1,936	8,078,529	6,018	24,490,723	6,193	24,880,397
JUN	2,836	10,339,644	1,025	5,813,953	1,848	7,314,831	5,709	23,468,428	5,876	23,810,383
MAY	2,618	10,348,258	931	5,466,560	1,709	7,537,834	5,258	23,352,652	5,437	23,807,912
APR	2,544	9,799,700	864	5,180,252	1,541	7,126,688	4,949	22,106,640	5,068	22,387,891
MAR	2,861	11,011,983	1,062	6,077,494	1,832	8,491,482	5,755	25,580,959	5,916	25,913,215
FEB	2,535	9,646,395	1,080	6,041,477	1,713	7,800,100	5,328	23,487,972	5,447	23,794,738
JAN	3,399	11,767,018	1,410	7,759,606	2,107	9,892,049	6,916	29,418,673	7,078	29,824,937
TOTAL 1982	38,194	146,251,544	18,507	104,200,457	25,418	120,936,224	82,119	371,388,225	84,327	376,641,301
TOTAL 1981	42,696	169,108,161	19,843	106,221,894	27,178	132,630,425	89,717	407,960,480	92,095	413,803,319

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JULY 1, 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS WELLS AND DRY HOLES
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	
TOTAL 1985	699	4,214,882	422	2,821,580	3,488	20,310,556	27,347,018
1985: JUL	7	46,841	5	52,952	102	642,776	
JUN	41	232,238	22	188,356	322	1,650,943	742,569
MAY	88	549,925	61	326,305	451	2,662,071	2,071,537
APR	100	556,643	66	466,216	570	3,367,515	3,538,301
MAR	134	821,121	64	428,969	636	3,629,141	4,390,374
FEB	150	919,267	90	602,407	599	3,527,731	4,879,231
JAN	179	1,088,847	114	756,375	788	4,830,379	5,049,405
							6,675,601
TOTAL 1984	2,215	12,054,369	1,400	8,973,569	10,513	56,437,166	77,465,104
1984: DEC	136	717,254	74	430,090	879	5,180,531	
NOV	168	925,844	87	547,888	809	4,540,141	6,327,875
OCT	159	814,054	120	831,852	899	4,624,050	6,013,873
SEP	206	1,161,250	113	772,250	851	4,409,741	6,269,956
AUG	177	949,703	108	716,888	995	5,290,647	6,343,241
JUL	186	976,832	140	920,852	1,017	5,065,610	6,957,238
JUN	189	1,051,359	120	719,909	1,028	5,177,570	6,963,294
MAY	211	1,154,044	123	770,942	812	4,469,860	6,948,838
APR	149	882,467	98	662,772	736	4,004,859	6,393,846
MAR	211	1,173,296	145	987,945	723	4,100,840	5,550,098
FEB	198	1,104,233	143	837,742	789	4,407,794	6,262,081
JAN	225	1,144,033	129	774,439	975	5,166,523	6,349,769
							7,084,995
TOTAL 1983	2,078	10,421,916	1,611	10,067,180	9,831	47,854,711	68,343,807
1983: DEC	149	740,158	122	746,447	805	4,209,219	
NOV	167	822,979	110	683,796	919	4,458,498	5,695,824
OCT	201	1,060,050	133	801,543	908	4,409,434	5,965,273
SEP	170	851,061	129	773,163	882	4,013,480	6,271,027
AUG	180	781,611	133	777,256	867	3,828,257	5,637,704
JUL	178	820,697	128	720,562	821	3,646,319	5,387,124
JUN	164	796,939	130	841,296	826	3,530,712	5,187,578
MAY	157	909,185	148	982,254	769	3,790,137	5,168,947
APR	174	858,144	127	837,487	631	3,305,711	5,681,576
MAR	174	933,550	147	878,954	767	4,076,054	5,001,342
FEB	170	922,628	145	972,962	701	3,709,493	5,888,558
JAN	194	924,914	159	1,051,460	935	4,877,397	5,605,083
							6,853,771
TOTAL 1982	2,457	13,392,998	2,138	14,626,998	11,130	60,026,849	88,046,845
TOTAL 1981	2,665	15,429,356	2,527	17,016,432	12,274	68,775,084	101,220,872

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING JULY 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,584	10,093,549	1,047	5,577,318	1,387	7,137,432	5,018	22,808,299	5,108	23,137,672
1985: JUL	266	1,127,932	80	511,089	283	1,573,040	629	3,212,061	639	3,225,702
JUN	1,029	4,267,996	305	1,591,100	477	2,210,161	1,811	8,069,257	1,840	8,191,268
MAY	561	2,285,397	248	1,334,178	316	1,625,524	1,125	5,245,099	1,161	5,388,326
APR	286	1,063,766	129	721,943	141	739,673	556	2,525,382	559	2,536,262
MAR	187	652,787	107	582,895	92	516,269	386	1,751,951	394	1,776,484
FEB	127	359,855	85	405,022	46	263,203	258	1,028,080	261	1,041,550
JAN	128	335,816	93	431,091	32	209,562	253	976,469	254	978,080
TOTAL 1984	599	1,462,828	444	2,008,154	217	871,308	1,260	4,342,290	1,285	4,400,160
1984: DEC	114	334,449	88	360,695	40	174,796	242	869,940	242	869,940
NOV	80	218,449	121	526,677	33	160,825	234	905,751	235	906,951
OCT	68	177,894	109	545,501	18	92,994	195	816,389	199	836,099
SEP	67	191,403	33	137,790	22	100,813	122	430,006	122	430,006
AUG	48	101,594	33	147,229	22	78,365	103	327,188	104	330,318
JUL	44	101,961	14	75,848	13	20,981	71	198,790	85	219,187
JUN	34	69,515	11	42,403	17	58,361	62	170,279	63	173,725
MAY	34	97,476	11	63,378	9	22,488	54	183,342	54	183,342
APR	32	41,912	4	23,405	14	42,735	50	108,052	52	115,650
MAR	50	62,958	5	23,106	6	18,771	61	104,835	63	107,224
FEB	23	51,914	10	43,484	10	47,790	43	143,188	43	143,188
JAN	5	13,303	5	18,638	13	52,589	23	84,530	23	84,530
TOTAL 1983	62	144,456	30	90,518	55	146,787	147	381,761	151	386,183
1983: DEC	12	38,863	4	16,722	5	6,399	21	61,984	21	61,984
NOV	7	22,927	6	21,493	4	4,290	17	48,710	17	48,710
OCT	8	15,161	4	10,392	5	10,916	17	36,469	19	39,179
SEP	3	7,904	3	8,248	5	8,135	11	24,287	11	24,287
AUG	6	10,083	1	1,150	9	18,549	16	29,782	16	29,782
JUL	2	2,966	2	2,863	3	7,375	7	13,204	8	14,374
JUN	3	11,855	0	0	5	25,785	8	37,640	9	38,182
MAY	6	14,080	3	13,994	5	14,343	14	42,417	14	42,417
APR	5	5,392	0	0	4	28,432	9	33,824	9	33,824
MAR	2	1,811	2	3,698	4	12,010	8	17,519	8	17,519
FEB	5	7,624	2	7,076	2	2,768	9	17,468	9	17,468
JAN	3	5,790	3	4,882	4	7,785	10	18,457	10	18,457
TOTAL 1982	13	26,966	19	50,944	25	61,125	57	139,035	58	142,237
VRS PRIOR TO 1982	11	13,829	6	22,023	34	76,706	51	112,558	53	118,586
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	3,269	11,741,628	1,546	7,748,957	1,718	8,293,358	6,533	27,783,943	6,655	28,184,838

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of July 31, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.
2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.
3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLES III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.
2. See footnote (2) above.
3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period July 1, 1985 through July 31, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.